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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **5** of this paper.